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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 14, 2011**. Scattered rain fell last week with the most precipitation accumulating in the lower delta. Armyworm presence has continued in pastures and hay fields in some areas, but producers have continued to treat fields. There have been reports of insect and disease pressure in soybeans in some areas of the state. Soil moisture was rated 7 percent very short, 39 percent short, 53 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending August 14, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	100	99	100	100
Corn, dent	97	93	97	98
Corn, mature	72	44	82	70
Corn, harvested	10	6	27	16
Cotton, squaring	100	100	100	100
Cotton, setting bolls	97	94	100	99
Cotton, open bolls	2	1	26	14
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	79	76	78	77
Peanuts, pegging	100	100	100	100
Rice, headed	94	90	98	89
Rice, mature	11	4	58	23
Sorghum, heading	100	100	100	99
Sorghum, coloring	68	50	92	85
Sorghum, mature	23	9	58	46
Soybeans, blooming	100	98	100	100
Soybeans, setting pods	95	90	97	97
Soybeans, turning color	16	10	42	39
Soybeans, dropping leaves	2	--	21	20
Watermelons, harvested	99	94	100	100

Crop condition for week ending August 14, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	14	15	25	33	13
Cotton	2	10	23	48	17
Hay	8	29	29	32	2
Livestock	3	14	50	26	7
Pasture	5	19	42	31	3
Peanuts	0	2	41	36	21
Rice	1	3	29	55	12
Sorghum	0	7	26	58	9
Soybeans	4	9	25	46	16
Sweet Potatoes	0	5	19	63	13

Comments

“Armyworms have been in scattered hay fields and pastures for about 10-14 days. We are treating a few fields. Much needed rain has fallen on all the soybeans and cotton, but it was too late for the corn.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Corn harvest will be in full swing as soon as fields are dry again. We had pretty good rainfall last week, but many of the rice gates have already been pulled up to drain fields. We are already noticing lodging problems in rice. A few early bean fields have been harvested with varied yields.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Rain is helping cotton and soybean crops. Cotton is starting to cut out. Some open bolls have been seen. Pastures and hay are improving. Sweet potatoes are also looking better.”

— Brent Gray, Yalobusha

“Drier weather has allowed for hay cutting to resume, but spotty showers and armyworms are still causing problems. Long, hot summer has taken toll on livestock. Soybeans look pretty good.”

— Richard Hay, Amite

“Cotton and peanuts look really good and insect pressure is light. Peanut producers are spraying for leaf diseases. Cotton is setting bolls. Afternoon rains across the county are hampering hay harvest. Weed pressure in pastures is greatly increased. Beef producers are encouraged by higher prices and special sales organized by Extension and others.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“Pod worms continue to be a problem in soybean and now soybean loppers are moving into soybean fields. Some cotton is beginning to open. Corn harvest is under way with early yields ranging from poor to average.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Armyworms!!”

— Phillip Vandever, Yazoo

“Most of this area has received enough rain to keep cotton and soybeans going in the short term.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Widespread spotted showers have been helpful to the areas where they have fallen. Armyworms have been pretty aggressive the past few weeks. The extremely hot and dry conditions have taken a toll on summer forage and hay fields this summer.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Corn harvest has started and applications of fungicides are going out on soybeans. Rains have totaled anywhere from 1-2 inches in the last several days.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Rain showers continue to be very scattered with very little to heavy rain.”

— Carolyn Conger, Covington

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 14, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	98	70	81	81	0	3.24	2.68	6	4.39
Cleveland	102	69	82	82	0	4.05	3.49	5	6.93
Lambert 1W	101	70	83			2.41	1.77	2	3.19
Tunica 2N	100	72	83	81	2	0.47	-0.09	2	0.49
Extreme/Average	102	69	82	81	1	2.54	1.98	4	3.75
North-Central									
Batesville	96	71	82	79	3	0.60	-0.03	2	1.03
Hickory Flat	98	67	81	79	2	1.54	0.73	4	3.94
Holly Springs	102	66	82	78	4	0.71	-0.06	3	1.18
Independence	100	69	82	80	2	0.64	-0.02	2	1.46
Oxford	101	70	84	79	5	0.19	-0.58	3	4.07
Extreme/Average	102	66	82	80	2	0.74	0.02	3	2.34
Northeast									
Booneville	91	68	79	79	0	1.88	1.11	4	2.90
Corinth 7SW	98	69	81	81	0	1.41	0.74	2	3.79
Pontotoc Exp	95	71	82	80	2	0.39	-0.31	3	4.89
Verona	95	71	83	81	2	0.15	-0.69	1	5.19
Extreme/Average	98	68	81	80	1	0.96	0.26	3	4.19
Lower Delta									
Moorhead	98	69	82	82	0	0.12	-0.43	2	4.38
Rolling Fork	101	71	86	81	5	0.07	-0.54	1	4.54
Yazoo City	99	72	86	82	3	0.30	-0.49	1	2.73
Extreme/Average	101	69	85	82	4	0.16	-0.45	1	3.88
Central									
Canton 4N	97	70	84	81	3	0.48	-0.22	2	6.05
Forest 3S	96	68	83	80	3	0.19	-0.79	1	6.82
Kosciusko	97	69	83	81	2	2.17	1.36	3	8.49
Winona 5E	94	68	80	77	3	1.42	0.72	5	12.11
Extreme/Average	97	68	82	80	2	1.07	0.30	3	8.37
East-Central									
Aberdeen	97	71	83	80	3	3.23	2.60	4	4.16
Columbus	98	72	83	81	2	2.19	1.37	4	4.52
Macon	96	69	82	81	1	0.11	-0.73	1	1.60
State Univ.	97	69	82	80	2	1.10	0.34	5	4.48
Extreme/Average	98	69	82	81	1	1.66	0.91	4	3.69
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	97	71	85	81	4	0.00	-0.98	0	1.23
Crystal Springs	99	69	86	81	5	1.12	0.35	1	2.53
Natchez	99	72	87	82	5	0.25	-0.59	1	2.10
Vicksburg City	97	72	86			0.82		1	2.10
Extreme/Average	99	69	86	81	5	0.55	-0.36	1	1.99
South-Central									
Collins	97	71	84	81	3	0.10	-0.81	1	2.47
Columbia	97	73	86	82	4	1.13	0.08	2	5.19
Monticello	101	73	88	81	7	0.40	-0.51	1	0.79
Raleigh 6N	94	68	82			0.06		1	4.59
Extreme/Average	101	68	85	81	4	0.42	-0.61	1	3.26
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	96	72	84	82	2	0.66	-0.45	2	6.21
Laurel	98	71	84	81	3	4.39	3.46	3	10.38
Waynesboro 2W	96	72	84	80	4	1.28	0.54	2	5.29
Extreme/Average	98	71	84	81	3	2.11	1.25	2	7.29
State	102	66	83	81	2	1.11	0.33	2	4.48

DFN = Departure from Normal.